

Proposed bus route changes for fall 2012

Route 21 – Revise, add trips | Route 21 Express – Revise

Proposal

- **Revise local Route 21 to serve Westwood Village.**
- **Revise Route 21 Express to travel via 35th Avenue SW** to SW 106th Street, 39th Avenue SW, and Marine View Drive SW.
- **Delete all-day service** south and west of the intersection of 35th Avenue SW and SW 106th Street.
- **Add local trips** during peak and daytime off-peak hours.

Change from November 2011 suggestion

Route 21 Express would travel via 35th Avenue SW to SW 106th Street, 39th Avenue SW, and Marine View Drive SW.

Reason(s) based on Metro's Service Guidelines

- **Ridership does not justify the cost of service.** Ridership in Arbor Heights does not meet Metro's guideline for continued all-day service.
- **Add capacity to meet expected demand.** Increased frequency on Route 21 would accommodate some riders from revised Route 22 and provide replacement service for part of Route 56 through SODO ([current map](#)).
- **Serve multiple travel needs.** Provide a direct connection to shopping and employment at Westwood Village, which would attract riders at all times of day.
- **Reduce duplication.** Consolidate several routes that go through SODO into a single frequent route that connects West Seattle, SODO, and downtown Seattle.
- **Make transfers easier.** Revised Route 21 would provide frequent service connecting with many other routes at Westwood Village, and would also connect with new Route 20, new Route 50, and the new RapidRide C Line.
- **Use appropriate streets.** Through Arbor Heights, Route 21 Express would no longer serve SW 100th Street, 44th Avenue SW, and SW Marine View Drive north of SW 106th Street. This change will eliminate the difficult right turn from 35th Avenue SW to SW 100th Street.

- **Performance.** Metro’s service guidelines call for us to examine and consider changes for routes that score in the bottom 25 percent in one or both of the measures Metro uses to rate performance – rides per platform hour and passenger miles per platform mile.

The performance of Route 21 is in the bottom 25 percent of routes serving downtown Seattle on the measure of passenger miles per bus mile. During daytime off-peak and night hours, it’s also in the bottom 25 percent of routes serving downtown Seattle on the measure of rides per service hour. Metro is proposing changes to this route to improve individual route performance and performance of the transit network as a whole.

Alternative service

- **Arbor Heights:** During peak hours, take revised Route 21 Express. Riders along 35th Avenue SW between SW 106th Street and SW Roxbury Street could take revised Route 22.

Service frequency

Route	Minutes between buses				
	Weekday			Saturday	Sunday
	Peak	Off-Peak	Night		
21	15	15	30	15	30
22	60	60	--	60	60

Trips on Route 21 Express during peak hours: 10 morning and 10 afternoon/evening

Route 21



